



Eligibility Operations Memo 16-09
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TO: MassHealth Eligibility Operations Staff

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RE: **Medex Premium Rate Change**

Introduction

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts has received approval from the Division of Insurance on the following premium rates for all of its nongroup Medex plans: Medex Gold, Medex Silver, Medex Standard, Medex Basic, Medex Bronze, Medex Core, Medex Core Plus, Medex Basic without Pharmacy, Medex Core Plus without Pharmacy, and Medex Choice, effective January 1, 2017.

Rate Changes and PACES Codes

The Medex plans, PACES codes, old and new quarterly rates, and new monthly premiums appear in the table below. The new monthly premium is the amount allowed as a patient-paid amount (PPA) deduction after other deductions that get priority under MassHealth regulations at 130 CMR 520.026. Fees for special billing arrangements that cause a premium to exceed these amounts are not allowable PPA deductions.

Medex Plan	PACES Code	2016 Quarterly Rate	2017 Quarterly Rate	2017 Monthly Premium
Basic	1	\$ 1,131.09	\$ 1,157.13	\$ 385.71
Bronze	2	\$ 546.60	\$ 548.34	\$ 182.78
Gold	3	\$ 2,421.06	\$ 2,494.53	\$ 831.51
Standard	4	\$ 1,444.47	\$ 1,364.31	\$ 454.77
Core Plus	6	\$ 483.06	\$ 494.10	\$ 164.70
Core	7	\$ 280.74	\$ 280.35	\$ 93.45
Silver	8	\$ 1,391.25	\$ 1,198.29	\$ 399.43
Basic without Rx	B	\$ 475.11	\$ 429.66	\$ 143.22
Core Plus without Rx	C	\$ 400.65	\$ 405.33	\$ 135.11
Choice			\$ 408.63	\$ 136.21

Important: The correct use of PACES codes prevents values greater than the maximum premium amount from being entered. Workers can enter an amount that is less than the current maximum premium amount to calculate retroactive PPA.

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Rate Changes and PACES Codes (cont.)

There is a new Medex plan called Choice. There is not a PACES code that represents the Choice plan. If a member whose case is being determined in PACES has the Choice plan, enter the plan as Other Health Insurance. The Choice plan is being added to the table in MA21.

Medex Basic, Gold, Silver, Core Plus, Standard, Basic without Pharmacy, and Core Plus without Pharmacy are closed to new members.

System Changes

Community MassHealth cases with Medex coding will be updated with the new premium amounts for both MA21 and PACES.

Long-term-care MassHealth cases with Medex coding will also be updated with the new premium amounts by the system. MassHealth will recalculate the PPAs for these cases in early January 2017.

Questions

If you have any questions about this memo, please have your MEC designee contact the Policy Hotline.